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POETRY.

THE SUM OF LIFE.

BY J. O. ROCKWELL.

Searcher of Gold, whose days and nights
All waste away in anxious care—
Estranged from all of life's delights,
Unlearned in all that is most fair—
Who sailest not with easy glide,
But driftest in the depths of tide,
And struggles in the foam—
Oh! come and view this life of graves—
Death's northern sea of frozen waves—
And mark out thy home.

Lover of Women, whose sad heart
Wastes like a fountain in the sun,
Clings most where most its pain does start,
Dies by the light it lives upon—
Come to the land of graves; for here
Are beauty's smile and beauty's tear,
Gathered in holy trust;
Here slumber forms as fair as those
Whose cheeks now living, ehame the rose—
Their glory turned to dust.

Lover of Fame, whose foolish thought
Steals onward from the waves of time—
Tell me what goodness hath it brought,
Atoning for that restless crime?
The spirit-mansion desolate,
And open to the storms of fate,
The absent soul is fear—
Bring home the thoughts and come with me,
And see where all thy pride must be:
Searcher of Fame, look here.

And Warrior then with showy plume,
That goes to the bugle's call—
Come and look down—his lonely tomb
Shall hold thee and thy glory all—
The haughty brow—the manly frame—
The daring deeds—the sounding fame—
Are trophies but for death!
And millions who have toiled like thee
Are strayed, and here they sleep; and see,
Does glory lend them breath?

From Heartfellow's Balm of Life.
WHAT THE HEART OF THE YOUNG SAID
TO THE PSALMIST.

Tell me not in mournful numbers,
That our life is but a dream,
For the soul is dead that slumbers,
And things are not what they seem.
Life is real! life is earnest,
And the grave is not the goal;
Dust thou art, to dust returnest,
Was not spoken of the soul.

Not enjoyment, and not sorrow,
Is our destined lot or way;
But to act, that each to-morrow
Find us further than to-day.
Art is long and time is fleeting,
And our hearts, though stout and brave,
Still like muffled drums are beating
Funeral marches to the grave!

In the world's broad field of battle,
In the bivouac of life,
Do not dumb, like driven cattle—
Be a hero in the strife.
Trust no future howe'er pleasant,
Let the dead past bury its dead;
Act, act in the living present,
Heard within and God overhead.

Lives of great men all remind us,
We can make our lives sublime;
And departing leave behind us,
Footsteps on the sands of time.
Footsteps, that perhaps another,
Sailing o'er life's solemn main,
A forlorn and shipwreck'd brother,
Seeing may take heart again.

Let us then be up and doing,
With a heart for any fate;
Still achieving—still pursuing;
Learn to labor and to wait.

POPULAR TALES.
From the Philadelphia Saturday Courier.
RUNNING THE GAUNTLET;
Or, The Blockade of Buenos Ayres.
A TALE OF THE SEA.

BY PROFESSOR INGRAM.

In the year 1826, I was passenger on board a merchantman bound to Buenos Ayres. After a long, but pleasant passage out, we arrived off Maldonado Castle, in the La Plata, one bright morning in November. As I went on deck, the sight of the land, which lay close a-beam, with the green trees and verdure, was a grateful object to the vision so long familiar only with the unvarying surface of the sea. The wind blew fair from the South, and we ran up port Maldonado and along the shore, keeping a league from it, with a flowing sheet. At noon, we came in sight of the conical Mount of Monte Video, with its fortress, and a few hours afterwards, saw the towers, domes, and battlements of the city itself, over the land, about twelve miles distant. It was a bright cheerful afternoon, and many vessels were off the harbour, sailing this way and that, as if for the pleasure of motion. As we approached them, we saw they were armed schooners, brigs, and sloops of war, carrying the gay Brazilian flag. Farther up the river, above the city, we discovered several large vessels of war anchored.

Steadily we kept on our way, the captain giving orders to run near the mouth of the harbour, to give us a view of the city, as we passed up to Buenos Ayres. As we neared it, it presented a highly picturesque appearance. When within about four miles, an English letter of marque, which had been sent out of the harbour and lay her course down the river, on coming near hauled her wind and came within speaking distance and hailed.

"Ship ahoy! are you bound up to Buenos Ayres?"
"Aye, aye!"

"I am sorry to tell you that a blockade was laid upon your port, by the Brazilian fleet, five days ago, and is now in full force. You will have to put into Monte Video which is held by their troops."

"The English captain having given us this intelligence, again stood on his course down the river. This was unwelcome intelligence to our captain and to all on board. Our destination was Buenos Ayres, and to be compelled to substitute another port was mortifying as well as annoying. Our captain was a young and resolute man, and after pacing the deck a few moments in deep thought, turned to us and asked us whether we would be carried in to Monte Video, and probably be detained there for months, or try and run past the blockade. It was the unanimous decision to run the gauntlet. We were still standing on under all our sail, even to royals and a fore-top-sail studding-sail, and the breeze was nearly aft, and fair as we could wish it. The captain now took his glass and surveyed the harbour, lay a dismasted line-of-battle ship, anchored fore and aft between the castles, and serving as a guard-ship, with her batteries commanding the approach as well as the inner harbour—Farther out, a mischievous looking brig of war lay to, ready to move in any direction, and an armed schooner and a corvette were slowly beating up in the outer roads, to keep their ground, and a mile beyond them lay at anchor the British frigate Doris, under the command of Sir John Sinclair.

To attempt to run past, with our short distance from the shore, would inevitably expose us to the guns of the guard-ship, and a broadside from the brig, which was plainly lying to there, to stop all vessels bound up, and escort them into the harbour of Monte Video. It was therefore necessary that we should brace up a little, and stand off from the land two or three points, to afford us any chance of escaping their shot, in our bold attempt.

"It is a great risk," said the captain, turning to me after the studding-sail had been taken in, the yards had been braced, and the ship had come up to her course. "We can beat any of their heavy sailing vessels if we can get the start of them. But I don't like the looks of that corvette, with her short tacks a-head there, nor those of the brig of war any better. Still we must venture something. If I don't get my cargo to Buenos Ayres, I lose fifty thousand dollars for my owners, and all I am worth in the world, for Monte Video will be no market with the scores of vessels with full freights, that will be forced in there. If we could have got here five days sooner, we should have anticipated this confounded blockade. As it is, we must run for it."

"Suppose you are taken?" asked a passenger.
"I lose the ship and cargo."
"It is a risk,"
"I know it," answered the captain, after a pause. "I am at a loss what to do. At all events, I will crack on all sail and stand on and try it. If I find I can run by, I'll do it; if not, I shall heave to at the first gun and I shall then only be turned back."

With this calmer determination, we kept on our course until the harbour opened to our view, exhibiting the town in its "bight" and a crowd of shipping at anchor, from the mast-heads of which, with the glass, we could see many an American flag was flying.

"As I expected," said the captain, impatiently; "they have stopped all vessels, and flour will sell in Monte Video now, for four dollars a barrel. Ah, there is the vessel waking up. See her braces fly! There she takes the wind, and is coming down upon us. The corvette has laid to across our course waiting for us, and there comes that raking schooner on a dance to take a peep at us! It would be hard work to run the gauntlet here, with such wide-awake gentlemen at one's elbow, though I could have done it in the night. See how the brig comes down with a bone in her teeth!"

The Brazilian was indeed after us. He had evidently been lying to there very quietly, expecting us to run into the harbour as we came abreast of it, when he saw us stand away and lay our course up the river. He now came towards us, lying close to the wind, and sailed well. When within about half a mile, a small cloud of smoke darted swiftly and horizontally from her bows and the next moment came the sound of a gun and an eighteen pound shot went ricochetting across our bow, within half cable's length.

"That is a language that don't need translating, if it is a Portuguese speaking to a Yankee," said the captain. "Let go, and clue up the royals, and stand-by, to bring the ship to!"

A second shot came from the brig, which passed whizzing between the fore and main top-masts, and struck the water a hundred fathoms to leeward.

"The gentleman is in a hurry," said the captain, coolly. "If I had a twenty-four pounder instead of these two twelves on board, I would try what sort of a mark his spars would make. Bring the ship to, Mr. Brown," he said to his mate; "if we give them excuse for firing another gun, they will call it breaking the blockade, and confiscate ship and cargo."

In a minute afterwards, the ship was stationary, with her fore-top-sail to the mast, and the brig of war coming within half gun-shot, also hove-to and sent a boat to board us. It soon came along side, and a rope was thrown over for the Lieutenant to get on board. He climbed lightly to the deck, and walking aft, civilly accosted the captain, who waited to receive him on his quarter deck. He was a slender, dark complexioned young man, with an exceedingly brilliant eye and

ferocious moustache. His uniform, like that of all Brazilian officers, was elegant and dazzling in the extreme. He cast a rapid glance around on approaching the captain, and said in Portuguese,

"Are you captain of this ship?"
"I am sir," answered the captain, whose trade in those countries had made him familiar enough with the language to understand and speak it tolerably.

"You have almost had the audacity to break His Imperial majesty's blockade," answered the other, sternly.

"How should I know there was a blockade, until informed of it by you? I was bound to Buenos Ayres, and was prosecuting my voyage."

"You must put into Monte-Video. Let me examine your ship's papers."

The captain invited him into the cabin, and after a quarter of an hour's absence they returned to the deck, when the officer, going to the side, ordered his boat to pull back to the brig. The captain's face wore a peculiarly determined expression as he walked aft and glanced at the compass. The Brazilian officer came near him, and said in a tone of authority, "You will now make sail and run for the harbour."

"Aye, aye, sir," answered the captain, with an alacrity that surprised me. "All hands to the weather braces! Mr. Brown see that you make the men work clumsily so that we shall have to wear the ship—for I want to gain time. The brig is standing back again."

"Aye, aye, sir," answered the mate, meeting and returning his glance.

The impatience of the Brazilian was illy concealed at the difficulty there was, after three several trials, in bringing the ship again to the wind, all which time she was drifting with the current.

"She works badly, sir," said the captain, as if apologizing to him; "had I not best give orders to wear?"

"Yes, otherwise it will be night before I get you into port," answered the officer; "your men are very awkward."

They are awed by your presence, sir; they are poor fellows, sir, who have never seen an epaulette before."

Leaving the officer without ascertaining or caring what impression his compliment had made upon him, the captain then went into the waist, where his mate stood with the speaking trumpet in his hand.

"Mr. Brown, give orders to wear ship; do not be in a hurry, as I wish that corvette to get well off on her longest leg, which she is making on this tack, believing us safe under the wing of the brig. You may see my object in not letting the ship come to the wind again."

"Yes, sir," answered the intelligent mate. "In five minutes we shall have the corvette a league to leeward, and the brig, if she still stands on her present course a league to windward. The schooner, which is but a mile astern, I see by the glass, carries but four guns, neither of which she can use in a chase. It is my determination, under the plea of wearing, and when we get the ship swung to the proper course, to make all sail and run between the two frigates you see anchored six miles above. They are full two miles apart, and if we take the centre of the space between, we may escape without a shot. At all events, I will make the trial; for this officer told me in the cabin that I had already made the attempt to force the blockade, and my ship and freight would no doubt come under confiscation. So I am resolved to save her or lose her manfully."

"What will you do with the Brazilian officer, sir?"
"Leave him to me," answered the captain, walking aft to where the lieutenant stood.

"You manage your ship unskillfully, sir," said the Brazilian to him in an angry tone. "With this stiff wind, any vessel having the least pretensions to sailing, would have come easily up to the wind, instead of this awkward wearing."

"You may as well be quiet," said the captain, coolly. "You see you are my prisoner, and that you must go to Buenos Ayres."

"Never!" answered the officer, with a malicious smile, as he pointed to the corvette, which, necessarily interrupting ours, unless we could out-sail her. The brig was still standing off, having not yet taken notice of our movements, and the schooner instantly detected them, and suspecting something wrong, gave chase. The scene was now an interesting one to all on board the ship.

To the right and leeward, five miles distant, lay Monte Video, with its fortified mount, its harbor filled with shipping; in the same direction, a league off, the brig of war was making sail towards the spot where she had before been lying to; a mile astern of us, was the schooner in full chase; and a league to windward, the corvette lay on her starboard tack, but evidently not suspecting any treachery. Six miles ahead of us was the blockading squadron, stretching at intervals of two miles across the river, which at this place is sixty miles in width. Only five of the chain of vessels were in sight, three of them being anchored far distant to the south; two frigates lay, however, so as to command the channel, and between these, running through their fires, the captain determined to steer his ship, and as the sun would set in half an hour, he hoped the darkness would favor him.

The ship felt her canvass, and was soon under fine steering way, each moment increasing her speed. The Brazilian finding that all attempts to escape were useless, and that they were thrown away, leaned over the bulwarks, looking eagerly in the direction of his brig. Suddenly, an exclamation from him gave us notice that the brig had discovered our *escapade*, and was putting about after us. Gallantly she came on, and swiftly we ploughed the waves in advance of her. The schooner now came walking up with long strides, and the corvette was nearing the line of our course, so that if she sailed her side of the angle quickest, she would rake us. We were both approaching to a point, and it was now, which should first pass that point. The corvette had discovered our object, and was making more sail.

Every exertion was made on board of our own vessel, and we succeeded in our object and got to windward of her, while she was yet half a mile off. She lay to and fired a broadside at us as we cracked on, but every shot fell short of us. Before she could bring her other guns to bear, we were out of their reach. The brig rapidly gained on us, and the schooner at length came so close under our stern, as to heave-to and give us a shot that made a hole in our mizzen-top-sail.

"Bear a hand, all of ye, and lift that larboard twelve pounder aft here, upon the quarter-deck," shouted the captain. "Let us give them our card over the taffrail."

Our gun was well aimed, and did good execution, for we had the satisfaction of seeing the head of the schooner's foremost tumble overboard, carrying her top-sail with it. All we had to fear now was the brig, which rapidly gained on us, and by sun-down was two miles astern.

The frigates were about the same distance ahead, and although they might have taken the alarm, we knew we could pass them (if we could pass them at all) before they could weigh and make sail.

For a little while the wind now left us, and also becalmed the brig. The evening breeze, however, soon set in, and we got it first. This gave us a decided advantage over the brig, and darkness coming on we soon lost sight of her, but her position was indicated by a lantern in her rigging. Before it was too dark, the captain had accurately taken the bearings of the two frigates, and laid his course so as to run exactly between them. It was dark before we were within a mile of the frigates, whose positions we could define by their port-lights, while we kept our own ship perfectly dark and silent. Steadily and boldly we stood on, shaping our course midway between the lights. All at once the horizon was lightened up, and both ships opened a heavy cannonading. The shot fell round us like hail, while the glare of the flashes betrayed our position.

It was a moment of intense anxiety. The captain gave his orders coolly, and they were executed with calm intrepidity. Steadily we kept on our way, under every sail the ship would bear, and away thundered the cannon of the frigates; but as we were each moment changing our position, and as they could discover us only by the flashes, after they had fired, we were not struck by a single shot, and in twenty minutes were out of gun-shot, and steadily on our way to Buenos Ayres.

Our officer we placed in a shallop, which we saw the next morning going down the river, and afterwards heard he reached his brig in safety, which had been deterred from further pursuit of us by the heavy firing of the frigates. The third day after running the gauntlet, we safely reached Ensenada, the port of Buenos Ayres, and taking mules, rode sixteen miles over land to the city, where, as we expected, we found a high market for our cargo, and were received with great satisfaction by the blockaded citizens.

TOO GOOD TO BE LOST.

THE WEST AND THE EAST.—The exquisite of our Eastern cities sometimes meet with curious adventures in the "far West." General C., (well known in Philadelphia) on getting on board a Mississippi steamer, after a brief survey of the company, considered himself so far removed in point of dignity from the jeans-clad Kentuckians, Hoosiers, and Suckers around him, that he must needs give them some striking demonstration of the fact by refusing to eat with the ordinary steel forks

used by the vulgar herd. He therefore provided himself with a silver fork, and as he was aware that if it was placed at one of the plates, some one of the *canaille* might use it, he handed it to the steward of the boat, with an injunction to give it to him on his getting fairly at the dinner table. The steward promised; but the passengers got wind of the matter, and amongst them was a brawny Kentuckian. On the first opportunity which offered, he went on shore and manufactured with his hunting knife a huge wooden fork, which he also gave to the steward, with an order to give *neither* of the forks to their respective owners until called for. The General got seated, and "Old Kaintuck" posted himself opposite to him; but the silver fork was not forthcoming. "Hand me my fork," said he to the steward. "It was respectfully presented." "Hand me my fork," bawled the Kentuckian. "It was presented, and poked into a piece of beef with the utmost gravity. The passengers who had watched the proceedings could stand it no longer. They burst into reiterated shouts of laughter, until the gentlemen, *par excellence*, felt it such an infringement upon his dignity, that he arose in high dudgeon, and sought the captain of the boat, with a complaint that his passengers had behaved with great rudeness. "Sir," said the captain, (a real western man,) with grave earnestness, "you are too large a man for my little boat! I am afraid that in walking from side to side, your weight might capsize her; and you had better go ashore!"—General C. evaporated at the first landing.

AGRICULTURE.

We see in almost every paper we take up most cheering accounts from all parts of the country of the flourishing state of vegetation. We have reason to be thankful to a kind Providence for casting our lot in a land of such fertility. When we reflect upon the vast extent of our territory, its adaptation to the production of almost every fruit and vegetable, the cheapness of land in its most fertile portions, we are astonished at the number of young men who crowd into the professions, and the various departments of trade and commerce, forsaking the healthful and certain pursuit of agriculture. Much has been done of late, we are aware, to elevate the character of the agricultural population, and to create respect for their employment, but if the truth is made known, it will be found it yet stands low in general estimation. Farmers are not, as a body, true to themselves; they are constantly complaining of their hard lot, and indulge the false feeling that they are serfs, and not masters of the land. The favorite son must be spared the drudgery of ploughing, digging and delving, and must be sent to college, to be prepared for one of the learned professions, already overstocked, or to cultivate his hair, whiskers and manners, that he may make a genteel figure in the retail business. Admitting that a young man from the country withstands the temptations of a city life, and meets with what is termed success. We will suppose him busily engaged in a moderately profitable commercial business which yields him a good income. But, in nine cases out of ten, the *genteel business* gives a young man very high notions of *genteel living*. If married, he must pay a city rent, always a high one, keep at least one servant, invest a good deal of capital in furniture and upholstery, see company, and, in short, *live like a gentleman*. If unmarried, his expenses will hardly be less, for we all know that bachelors are obliged to pay a pretty high price for their freedom. If nine out of ten of the young men who have left the country, gave a candid answer to a friend who should ask if they were happier in the city than in the country, their answer would be a negative. They would say that the healthy toil of the hands, was far less harassing than the unceasing mental care of mercantile pursuits. They would acknowledge that the appetite of a laborer in the pure and open air, gave him simple food a relish, that the capacious appetite of a denizen of the crowded and dusty city never knew. They would tell you that an artificial *Androdyne* never produced the tranquil and refreshing slumber that laps the hard-working farmer in its elysium; and that, but for the fetters they had forged for themselves, they would gladly go back to their original employment.

There are hundreds and thousands of men, in narrow circumstances, yet clinging to a city life, dispirited and hopeless, who might obtain a livelihood, health and happiness for themselves and families, if they could but manfully shake off the trammels of prejudice and enter on a farmer's life. Good land varies, according to its location, from a dollar, or less, to hundreds, and a very moderate capital will procure a freehold for a farmer in an eligible situation. With less capital to start with a man can obtain an advantageous lease, and with a couple of hundred dollars he can commence the business by working on shares. In the vicinity of a populous city, a garden devoted to fruits and vegetables, will support a family handsomely. In one of the reports of the Agricultural Committee of Massachusetts, we find it stated that the sales of the products of seven acres of land, in the neighborhood of Boston, amounted in one year to nearly *twenty-five hundred dollars*. As yet the exact capacity of production of an acre of land has not been ascertained—for agriculture is a progressive science, and each year witnesses some new discovery and triumph. The beginner in farming must of course expect moderate profits, and not look for an Eldorado in his lot or patch. In this as in other pursuits, patient toil is requisite for the production of great results. But happily farming differs from other pursuits inasmuch as its labor increases the capacity of labor, unlike the clerk, by toil which wastes the strength, hollows the cheek, and pales the brow. Many a sickly man who has vainly tried the panaceas and prescriptions of medical art, has been

restored to health by an active country life and pure air. Who has not heard of Lewis Cornero, who, with a constitution shattered at forty, restored it completely by a temperate life in the country, by his own labor brought under cultivation a considerable tract of land, and attained extraordinary longevity? To an enterprising man we know of no pursuit which holds out so many inducements as agriculture, and we trust the day is not far distant when, the prejudices which have prevented so many from pursuing the honorable life of the farmer will be extinct.—Boston Times.

RETURN OF THE EXPLORING EXPEDITION.

The United States ship Vincennes, reached New York week before last. The following account of the labors of the Expedition, has been furnished to the public prints by some of the officers engaged in it:—

The Exploring Squadron sailed from the United States on the 18th of August, 1838, and has been absent nearly four years; during which time, we learn that the different vessels have sailed about four hundred thousand miles. The Expedition has thoroughly executed every part of the duties confided to it by the government.

The position assigned on the charts to several vigins, reefs, shoals, and islands, have been carefully looked for, run over, and found to have no existence in or near the places assigned them.

Several of the principal groups and islands in the Pacific Ocean have been visited, examined, and surveyed; a friendly intercourse and protective commercial regulations established with the chiefs and natives; aggressions on our citizens and commerce redressed, and a justly merited punishment meted out in some flagrant cases of unprovoked and cold blooded murder.

The discoveries in the Antarctic Ocean (Antarctic Continent—observations for fixing the Southern magnetic pole, &c.) preceded those of the French and English expeditions.

The report which has been in circulation, of Captain Ross having run over some portion of the land discovered by this Expedition, is unfounded. No land to the eastward of 160 degrees of east longitude was discovered, seen, or claimed by the American Expedition, as appears by Capt. Wilkes' report to the Navy Department, published in 1840, after the return of the squadron to New Zealand. If this statement originated with Captain Ross, based upon the particular chart of the Antarctic ice, and discoveries of land, with the full explanatory letter which was furnished him by Captain Wilkes, (previous to Captain Ross' Antarctic cruise,) he (Captain Ross) must have taken that portion of land reported to have been seen by Bellamy in 1839, which was represented on it as being in 163 or 165 degrees east longitude, or thereabouts, and which the American Expedition had never seen or heard of until its return to Sidney, N. S. W., after discoveries in the Antarctic Ocean.

Captain Ross, according to his report, has never passed over, or gone so far west, as 160 degrees east in latitude 67 degrees south; consequently he could not have seen the land discovered and claimed by the American Expedition, but seems to have run over the position where land is reported to have been seen by his own countryman Bellamy.

The Exhibition, during its absence, have also examined and surveyed a large portion of the Oregon Territory, a part of Upper California, including the Columbia and Sacramento Rivers, with their various tributaries. Several exploring parties from the Squadron have explored, examined and fixed those portions of the Oregon Territory least known. A map of the Territory, embracing its Rivers, Sounds, Harbors, Coasts, Ports, &c., has been prepared, which will furnish the government with a mass of valuable information relative to its possessions of the Northwest Coast, and the whole of Oregon.

Experiments were made with the pendulum, on 'Mouna Loa' on the Island of Hawaii, one of the Sandwich Islands, at a height of fourteen thousand feet above the level of the sea. Topographical surveys and views were made of some of its active and most extensive craters.

Experiments have been made with the pendulum, magnetic apparatus, and various other instruments, on all occasions—the temperature of the ocean, at different depths, ascertained in the different seas traversed, and full meteorological and other observations kept up during the cruise.

Charts of all the surveys have been made, with views and sketches of headlands, towns, or villages, &c., with description of all that appertains to the localities, productions, language, customs, and manners.

At some of the islands, this duty has been attended with much labor, exposure, and risk of life; the treacherous character of the natives rendering it absolutely necessary that the officers and men should be armed while on duty, and at all times prepared against their murderous attacks. On several occasions, boats have been absent from the different vessels of the squadron, on surveying duty, (the greater portion of which has been performed in boats,) among islands, reefs, &c., for a period of ten, twelve, and thirty days at one time; on one of these occasions, two of the officers were killed at the Fiji group, while defending their boat's crew from an attack by the natives.

The scientific gentleman have been actively engaged in their various departments, and subject to all the exposures incident to researches among dangerous and hostile savages. Mr. Hale, the Philologist of the expedition, was left at the Columbia River, for the purpose of prosecuting his labors among the different tribes of the Oregon territory, and may be expected home, overland, early in August.

Several islands not laid down in the charts have been discovered, on one of which the natives have offered worship, evidently believing that their visitors had come from the sun.

The Sooloo sea has also been examined, several islands found to have been erroneously laid down upon the chart, and others not laid down at all. Protective commercial regulations established with the Sultan of Sooloo, and a correct chart made of a feasible and short route of passage through those seas toward China, against the N. E. monsoon.

The tender Flying Fish, which had accompanied the squadron during the whole cruise, until reaching Singapore, was so much used by the hard service, that it was deemed imprudent to hazard the lives of men and officers in her, for a passage around the Cape at that season, without considerable delay for thorough and extensive repairs. She was, therefore, disposed of at that port, under the direction of the American Consul.

About eighty distressed American seamen have been received and shipped on board the vessels of the squadron, at the different ports and islands of the Pacific Ocean—several of them brought to the United States in the Vincennes; the remainder are on board the brigs Porpoise and Oregon, now on their way home, and may be expected early in July. These two vessels left St. Helena a week before the Vincennes called there, for Rio Janeiro and home—all well.

Six of the crew of the brig Uxor, of Mystic, Ct. wrecked at Prince Edward's Island, are also on board the Vincennes.

Although the officers and crew of the Expedition have been exposed to every variety of climate, the general health of the squadron has been without a precedent. But one officer (Mr. Vanderford, master's mate, who died on the passage home) and only eight of the men, have died from disease.

The officers, scientific gentlemen, and men, have been constantly employed, as will appear by the labor performed, and the results of the cruise.

In addition to the large collections already received from the Expedition, the Vincennes has now on board a large and valuable collection, including several boxes of live plants, bulbs, &c., collected in the Pacific, Sooloo, Philippines, Singapore, Cape of Good Hope, and St. Helena.

CONGRESS.

The Senate, on Friday, June 17th, was occupied on the naval appropriation bill. An amendment was adopted, by a vote of yeas and nays of 23 to 19, increasing, to the amount of \$465,000, the appropriation for the pay of officers and seamen. An amendment was also adopted, providing that, until otherwise ordered by Congress, the officers of the navy shall not be increased beyond the number in the respective grades that may exist at the end of the present session of Congress; nor of midshipmen, beyond the number now in the service. These were the principal amendments made to the bill by the Senate. The bill was finally passed.

In the House, after some other business, the Appropriation bill was taken up; and the House receded from its disagreement to the ratio proposed by the Senate—yeas 109, nays 104.

The question was stated, Will the House concur? when a division was ordered, and the House concurred in the ratio of the Senate by a vote of yeas 113, nays 103.

The question was then taken on concurring in the amendment giving an additional Representative to each State having more than a moiety of the ratio, and it was decided in the affirmative—Yeas 110, nays 102.

A motion was made by Mr. Johnson of Maryland, to lay the bill on the table, was rejected—Yeas 103, nays 112.

The third amendment, filling the blanks with the number of Representatives to which the States will be entitled, was concurred in without a division.

So the bill was passed as amended by the Senate—ratio 70,680, number of Representatives, 224, with the fractional representation and the district system features.

The House then went into Committee of the Whole, and proceeded to the considerations of the various tariff bills.

Mr. Saltonstall occupied his hour in endeavoring to show the benefits resulting from the protective system, and in favor of specific duties.

Mr. Hahersham obtained the floor, and the House adjourned.

CONGRESSIONAL MATTERS.

The Apportionment Bill. This Bill is at last a law, and in the form fixed by the Senate. It makes the next House consist of 224 members (quite large enough), and gives 7 to Maine. It embraces the principle of the compulsory district system.

The Naval Appropriation Bill. This Bill has passed the Senate, with two important amendments engraved upon it.

1st. Enlarging the appropriation for the pay of officers and seamen, by the sum of \$465,000.—The number of officers and seamen depending upon executive discretion, and that discretion being limited by nothing except the amount of the appropriations; the effect of this amendment is substantially an enlargement of the naval force in commission. The bill as it came from the House, appropriated more than the average of the last six years, and double the average of the twelve years preceding. The amendment still further increases the appropriation, and this, in a time of profound peace, and of great financial embarrassment.

2d. Altering the proviso attached to it by the House, so as to limit the number of officers, not to the standard of January 1, 1841, but to the standard of the number as it shall exist at the termination of the present session of Congress.

This enables the federal majority of the Senate to confirm all the naval promotions now pending before them, and vastly augments the legal number of the different grades of officers.

Against both these amendments, the Democracy voted in a solid body, and for the substantial reasons given by Mr. Williams, whose remarks in opposition to the second amendment may be found in our Congressional Abstract. In our next paper, (says the Augusta Age) we shall publish his remarks in opposition to the first amendment, and his Report from the minority of the Naval Committee, upon the pending naval nominations. The great issue of an overshadowing Government, with expensive establishments, against an economical and effective one, is now tendered to the country, as in the time of the elder Adams. The Democracy take the same side now, as then, and will triumph as gloriously.

The Provisional Tariff Bill. The Provisional Tariff Bill passed by the House, is now pending in the Senate, and will probably pass that body. The Washington letter writers generally concur in saying, that it will be vetoed, because it allows the land distribution to go on, while it raises the duties above 20 per centum, after that time, when, by the Compromise Act, they would have been reduced to that point. So mote it be.

The Tariff. The House have under discussion the Tariff bill, reported by the committee of Ways and Means, and a motion is pending to substitute, for it, the bill reported by Mr. Saltonstall, from the committee on manufactures.—The first bill establishes an average duty of about 35 per cent; on wool, a duty of 30 per cent, except on wool costing less than 8 cents per pound, which is to be charged with a duty of 5 per cent. The difference between this duty on wool, and the duty under the Compromise Act, is about 2 cents per pound. So that the farmers will get 2 cents more for their wool, in consideration for paying 3 cents more for their sugar, 2 cents more for their salt, 20 per cent. more for their iron, &c. &c.

FREE SUFFRAGE.

The votes of the federal members of Congress from this State, against free suffrage in Alexandria, are difficult to defend, and their friends make awkward excuses for them. The Portland Advertiser, however, makes an excuse, which is both backward and false, and signally unworthy of the talents and character of its editor.

By the present charter of Alexandria, the right of suffrage is confined to free white males, having a certain amount of property. A Bill in relation to that charter being before Congress, Mr. Cava Johnson moved to amend, so as to confer the right of suffrage upon all free white males, over the age of 21 years, and having a residence of a certain length of time. Against this motion, the federal members from Maine recorded their votes.

Now hear the Advertiser:—
"The case in truth, speaks quite plainly for itself. Mr. Johnson, proposed remarkably free suffrage indeed! None but white men were to vote! Is this in accordance with the Constitution of Maine? Johnson's amendment contemplated not only an enlargement but a restriction of suffrage. Against that restriction, the Whigs voted, and Clifford and the others voted in its favor."

The case lies just here.—Messrs. Fessenden, Bronson, Randall and Allen, are opposed to mere free-white suffrage in Maine, and they are opposed to it in Alexandria.

Mr. Johnson's amendment conferred new rights upon poor white men, and left the colored men as they were before. It did not restrict their rights, but it enlarged the rights of the whites.—It did not go the length of universal suffrage, because it retained the exclusion of color, but it did go in the direction of universal suffrage, because it repudiated the exclusion of poverty. Those who voted against it, did not thereby aid the colored man, but only oppressed the poor white man.

The federal members from this State voted against it, not because it retained the exclusion of color, but because it repudiated the exclusion of poverty. Their subsequent votes establish this point beyond all controversy. When J. Q. Adams moved to amend the amendment, so as to strike out the exclusion of color, the Southern members rallied, and with the aid of the Northern friends of a property qualification, killed the whole bill by laying it on the table. They succeeded, and now, neither the blacks, nor the poor whites, of Alexandria, can vote. In the majority which thus destroyed the Bill, was the federal delegation from Maine!

Will the Advertiser favor the world with another specimen of its ingenuity?

In reference to this matter the Kennebec Journal says:—

"But Mr. Adams clapped an extinguisher on these demagogues. He moved to strike out the word 'white,' before male citizens, thus making suffrage universal in reality. Upon this, the 'free suffrage men' flew the track. It spoiled their game; and they laid the bill on the table. The Age, however, tells its readers nothing of this. 'THEY laid it on the table' forsooth! Of the Maine delegation who voted upon the question of laying it on the table, the federalists voted, Yea, and the democrats voted, Nay. The Northern Democracy voted in the negative, almost to a man."

As to the Age having told "its readers nothing of this," i. e. of Mr. Adams' motion, as we understand the Journal to mean; it is quite a mistake. In our editorial article, we referred our readers to our Congressional Abstract, where all the motions and votes are fully stated.—[Augusta Age.

RHODE ISLAND.

The statement in the New York Herald, that Gov. Donnan was organizing at N. Y., resources for a second attempt upon the government of Rhode Island, would be seen to be confirmed by the following from the Boston Advertiser:—

"RHODE ISLAND. We received last evening a slip from the office of the Providence Journal, which contains a variety of information of the movements of the suffrage party, apparently in preparation for embodying their forces."

Several attempts have been made in the night, in various places, upon the depositories of arms and ammunition. In Woonsocket, it is stated, two iron cannon are mounted, which are guarded night and day. Constant meetings are held at Woonsocket, and the two parties are in a very excited state of feeling. The following is an extract of a letter published in the Journal:—

"Woonsocket, June 21, 1842. The intentions of the suffrage party can be easily divined from the movements of the past two or three weeks.—Dorr intends to have his Legislature meet at Chepachet the 4th of July, the time to which they adjourned, and hence the concentration in that quarter. Hence the reason of the two cannon sent there from this village. To give you some idea of the preparations making here—a team with three horses was sent to Boston last Friday or Saturday night, and returned Sunday night, loaded with tents sufficient to accommodate three or four hundred men. They were engaged yesterday in making cartridges for their cannon, in a barn on the Globe side. All these indicate an intention of concentrating their forces somewhere, probably Chepachet—and, if they can muster strong enough, of making a desperate attempt on the government of the State, and if they do not succeed, or if they cannot raise sufficient force to make the attempt, Connecticut is very handy as a 'city of refuge.'"

An attempt was made at Foster on Monday night by the Suffrage men, to seize the guns that had been recently brought from Providence for the Foster volunteers. The powder house of Dutree Greene of Providence, was broken open between Friday evening and Monday afternoon, and 48 kegs of powder were taken therefrom.—The building is of stone and very strong, and the doors were strongly locked and bolted, yet were forced by the thieves."

Special Messenger to the United States.—The steamer Rhadamanthus, arrived at Halifax with a special messenger, who is said to have important despatches for Lord Ashburton. He came on to Boston by the Britannia. The following is an extract from a Portsmouth (England) paper:—

"We understand that a Queen's Messenger arrived at Devonport on the 17th of May from the Foreign Office, London, with despatches for our Minister at the United States. At the same time orders arrived that the Rhadamanthus (steamer,) which was previously intended to sail for Lisbon and Malta, should proceed hence with this gentleman to New York. There was no commercial steamer to sail from this country until the 4th June next; so that this sudden and unexpected despatch of the Rhadamanthus indicates clearly that the objects which have led to the sending out of the messenger are of an unusually important nature. The Rhadamanthus has 700 additional bags of coal put on board her, and is to return to this port as soon as the messenger is landed."

We learn from the British Consul that this messenger left New York this morning, for Washington.—[N. Y. Jour. Com.

MONROE EDWARDS.—The trial of this individual at New York, for forgery, excites great attention. The Tribune of Thursday says:—

"The testimony taken yesterday is almost perfectly conclusive as to the guilt of the prisoner. He is identified beyond all question, by the unimpeachable evidence of every witness from Baltimore and Richmond, with the man who presented drafts and checks in those cities in favor of John P. Caldwell, and received the money therefor. The letters connected with the transaction, to which the names of Caldwell and H. S. Hill are affixed, are proved beyond a doubt, by Lewis Tappan and Recorder Vaux, to be in the handwriting of Edwards; in his trunk are found types and stamps with which it is next to certain the post-office stamps were put upon these letters by him; a very large amount of the money, in bills of the same banks with those known to have been paid to him, is found in his possession; and every circumstance to the most important, tends to fix upon him, beyond all possibility of dispute, this great series of astounding villainies. The boldness, consummate skill, and complete success with which they were perpetrated, must excite the astonishment of every one. It will be seen by the testimony of Mr. Corie from Liverpool, that the same Caldwell received from that house on a bill of exchange undoubtedly forged the heavy sum of \$25,000."

Later accounts state that Edwards is convicted.

Alleged Custom House Frauds.—Mr. A. L. Froesch, an importer in Pearl street, has been arrested, and his goods seized, on a charge of having committed, for a series of years past, very extensive frauds on the revenue. The allegation is, that in his invoices the amounts were all extended without putting down the thousands.—The quantity and price were right, but the extension only for the tens and hundreds. Thus a case of goods which should have been extended 2734 francs, was actually extended 734 francs. In this condition the invoices were presented to the clerk, whose business was to take off the aggregates. After leaving him and passing through the hands of two or three other clerks, whose business it is to check something or other, the importer comes to the appraisers, whose business it is to go over the calculations. Before presenting his invoices to them as it is alleged that Mr. Froesch prefixed the proper figures in the place of thousands, so that all was right there and everywhere; yet the whole work was quite wrong, for he only paid duty on the hundreds and had the thousands clear.—[N. Y. Journal of Commerce.

Our Owl.—Sundry individuals of our acquaintance appear to be lost in wonder and surprise, in endeavoring to discover our meaning in putting an owl over the Congress news. To all such we will now say, once for all, Congress is or ought to be the wisest body in the world.—What emblem therefore, can be more appropriate than the bird of Minerva—the embodied idea of wisdom—besides, Congress, of late years, have done but little during the day time for the people, and a great deal during the night for themselves. The owl also does but little by day, but where does he not go when the shadows of evening settle upon the landscape, and the stillness of night is only broken by the cor of the whip o' will, and the shrill pipe of the tree toad. Don't grumble about our owl, gentlemen. He says but little but he keeps a terrible thinking.—[Washington Index.

PRINCIPLES NOT MEN.—The conductor of press who adheres strictly to principles, independent of personal considerations, or fear or favor, will be very likely to excite opposition, and receive censure of men who are actuated by no higher motives than love of personal ease, or worldly gain, or temporary popularity. The lamented Leggett received for his manly, straight forward course, and noble, unyielding devotion to principle, the opposition of men, who will be forgotten, or held in contempt, while his name, recorded on the scroll of the faithful and true, will grow brighter and brighter, as years pass away. [Bay State Democrat.

OXFORD DEMOCRAT.

PARIS, JUNE 28, 1842.

LABORERS.—Never has there been so great a change in public opinion, as has taken place among the working men the past year. The causes have operated every where, and have produced the like results. This is not at all surprising. It was the workmen who were the most grossly deceived and imposed upon during the hard cider campaign. They were told that the difficulties of the times, occasioned really by the abuses of the banks, were produced by the measures of the late administration, and that the election of Gen. Harrison would bring about better times. Whig policy and whig measures, they were told, would immediately revive business, produce an active demand for labor, and higher wages. Under the influence of the excitement which was got up, many believed these statements and voted for Tippecanoe and Tyler too. But they have looked in vain for the 'better times,' for the improvement of business, the increased demand for labor, and higher wages.—They do not find the promised two dollars a day and roast beef. But they find that those who gulled them with those promises, have got themselves into fat offices, and this is the only evidence of better times they have discovered. They see that they have been trifled with, deceived, and imposed upon. They have been cheated once and are determined not to be cheated again by the same men, and are every where uniting themselves with the democracy.

The friends of a high tariff are, just now, maintaining their cause languidly; many of them like men whose heart is not in the work which their hands are doing. They fight the battle like soldiers galled with the heat of the sun. The excitement got up by the first establishment of the Home Leagues has subsided; the home league is not popular with the working classes, and is regarded as a selfish conspiracy against the mass. The friends of the old American System find they have a new force of public opinion to contend with, for which they were not prepared;—an intelligent and stubborn opposition to the projects of those who dream of enriching a nation by cutting off its markets, and making the necessities of life dear; an opposition widely extended throughout our vast interior, and growing stronger by daily discussion.

SHOCKING ACCIDENT. We have the painful duty to perform of recording a painful accident from the want of due care in the use of fire arms. In Hartford, in this county, on Monday, 20th inst. Joseph Hall was fixing his rifle—and in putting on a cap, the lock slipped, the rifle exploded, and being loaded with ball, it entered the shoulder and came out at the neck of Mary Keen, (who was washing near by at the time) wounding her so badly that she died in three hours.

The friends of Judge Goodnow, who have heard of his late severe sickness will be glad to learn that he is decidedly convalescent, though as yet unable to attend Court.

AN AGRICULTURAL TOAST. The time is rapidly approaching, says the Mercantile Journal, when no toasts or sentiments will be drank or given at the celebrations of the anniversary of our National Independence. But few of the sentiments are worth preserving or repeating—although they may be appropriate at the time—and aid in promoting good feeling, and good humor. This is not the case, however, with the following one which we lately met with. It is comprehensive, and will apply to all times, and places, and occasions, where agricultural labors are appreciated, or the interests of the Farmer are cared for. It was delivered on the Fourth of July, 1832, at Brattleboro', Vt., by Stephen Greenleaf.

"American Farmers.—May they enjoy the rewards of their labor, in abundant harvests, flowing vintage, full granaries, crowded barns, large dairies, teeming herds, lusty bullocks, glutton stalls, stout horses, fine flocks, fat hogs, great potatoes, large pumpkins, a good market, fair prices, no cheating—no visits by the worm, the fly, the grasshopper, the mildew, by early frosts, by direct taxes, by needless subscriptions, by sheriffs or constables—and beware of being overreached by merchants, wheedled by lawyers, encoyed by butchers, swindled by gamblers, beset by pickpockets, dunned by tavern keepers, coaxed by jills, or deceived by one another."

The Paris correspondent of the National Intelligencer tells a remarkable anecdote of the late French Minister of Finance, N. Himmann. He died very suddenly at his desk in his office. He was a man of great ability. He served originally as a grocer's boy; his expertness in figures, and his general intelligence, advanced him to the important post he held at his death. For many years he made it a rule with himself to read before the business of the day, some pages of a favorite German book of Catholic meditations and prayers. On the last day of his life, the signal, a marking string, was found between the leaves on the importance of being prepared at any moment for the King of Terra.

Two marshals, says the letter, the superannuated Money and the active Clausel, who sojourned as an exile in the United States, and General Heymes, an aid de camp of the King, have also just paid the debt of nature. On the third announcement, old Soult exclaimed, "Ah indeed! they must be beating the roll call on high."

The Tremont Theatre, says the Mail, will close on Friday next, for the present season, and probably as a Theatre forever.

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For the Oxford Democrat.

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Mr. MILLER.—As there seems to be some consid-
erable stir among the people of Oxford on the subject
of forming an Agricultural Society, I take the liberty
to send you some thoughts of mine, which, if you think
they have sufficient merit, you will please to publish
in your paper. That such a society ought to be form-
ed in this county, and encouraged by all who regard
its welfare, does not admit of a doubt, when it is con-
sidered that the State will give us any sum of money
not exceeding three hundred dollars, that we may be
able to raise among ourselves. As other counties have
formed societies, and are drawing money from the
State Treasury, a part of which we have to pay, the
people of Oxford would seem regardless of their own
interest, if they did not raise money and participate in
the bounty of the State. A society has been estab-
lished, and Constitution and By-Laws adopted, and
something over one hundred members are enlisted in
the good cause. But what are one hundred members
for such a county as Oxford? Not one in ten of those
who have a deep interest in its success, and who could
contribute the small sum required in aid of its funds,
without feeling its loss, have yet come forward and
joined the society. There are in the county of Oxford
some hundreds of wealthy farmers, mechanics, and
moneyed men, who, if they could be waked up to the
importance of the subject, might pay in their dollar
each and become members for life. If a good num-
ber of such men would join the society, a sufficient
and permanent fund would at once be established, and
the society become highly respectable and popular.—
Such premiums might then be paid as would make it
a pecuniary object to enter into competition for the
Reward of Merit.

The Constitution admits of amendments at any an-
nual meeting; and would it not be right and proper to
give to life members a weight and interest in the so-
ciety in some proportion to the interest they hold in it?
Say five votes for their ten dollars, while others have
their one vote for one dollar. This privilege to be ex-
tended to the life members until the yearly assess-
ments on the one dollar members shall amount to eight
dollars, after which they shall be entitled to one vote
only. These life members, having something at stake,
and feeling a deep interest in the concerns of the so-
ciety, would be careful to attend its meetings, and
promote the objects of the institution by all proper
means. How many men we have among us, who are
continually putting money at interest as they suppose
for the benefit of their sons, who will be about as likely
to be injured as helped by it. Now would it not be
wisdom in such men to pay their money, and give their
sons certificates of membership for life? I should
think that after a little reflection there could remain
no doubt which would be the best policy. Our sons,
for the most part, stand more in need of the stimulus
that a membership of this society would impart to them,
than they do of the money that might be saved by with-
holding it.

If a liberal support should be given to this society,
it will, in a few years, become one of the most popu-
lar and useful institutions in the State. The Cattle
Shows and exhibitions of Mechanical Ingenuity will
attract great attention. In all the States and Coun-
ties where they have prevailed, they have been found to
have had a powerful tendency to increase production,
stimulate to greater exertion, and of course add to the
general prosperity. Oxford County, although moun-
taneous and rocky, contains a great portion of most
fertile and productive soil; and for the keeping of
stock, is perhaps, unrivalled. Wheat seldom fails to
remunerate the industrious cultivator. Indian corn,
with good management, is a most productive crop, to
say nothing of the Pumpkins. Potatoes may be raised
to almost any amount in the highest perfection. All
kinds of garden vegetables, Beans, Peas, and Oats do
well. Our sugar valleys are peculiarly adapted to all
kinds of fruits that will grow in so high latitudes.—
We have only to ride through the county to be con-
vinced of the great improvements that have been, and
may be made, and the increasing prosperity of its har-
dy and industrious inhabitants.

The times have, indeed been hard, as respects the
circulation of money, and the prices of the produce of
our labour. But this should be attributed, not to our
soil, or to our climate, or to our want of industry, but
to the operation of the laws of the General Govern-
ment, which I think, have been but poorly calculated
to reward the industry of the working classes of our
people.

One great, and probably the greatest, cause of the
low price of our produce, has been the creation of
Canals, and Rail Roads, through which the produc-
tions of the fertile, and almost boundless, west have
been poured in among us; and afforded at a lower
price than we can possibly afford them. Discouraging
as this state of the case may seem, we may still hope
for better markets. Should the attention of the west-
ern people be turned to the making of Sugar, from In-
dian corn-stalks, and Lamp Oil from the fat of hogs,
they would in a great measure cease to supply our
market with pork; an article that the county of Ox-
ford can produce in great abundance. Little ex-
periments have demonstrated, that sugar of the best qual-
ity can be made from corn-stalks; and it is almost
certain that it will prove a profitable business, where
the soil is naturally fertile. The population of France,
Germany, and Prussia, is now, mostly, supplied with
sugar manufactured from the beet. Thirty years ago
they depended wholly on the East and West Indies
for the article. Long since my remembrance, we de-
pended on the Indians for our Cotton. Now we export
more than all the world beside. Steamboats and Rail
Roads are of very modern invention; yet now are
multiplying in all directions. Revolutions must be
continually taking place. Menkin are always seeking
something new. Then let us have an Agricultural
Society.

HARRY PERCY.

Paris, June 22, 1842.

RHOE ISLAND.—The Legislature was organized on
Tuesday at Newport. A number of petitions were pre-
sented for amendment of the charter, and a commit-
tee of two from each county was raised, to which they
referred.

CONGRESS.

In the Senate, on Monday, Mr. Allen's resolution
heretofore submitted, was taken up, calling for a state-
ment of the debt of the U. S. contracted since the 4th
of March, 1841—and rejected, 18 to 22. The majority
in the Senate do not seem to be anxious to look that debt
"in the face."

Mr. Benton asked leave to introduce a bill repealing
the Bankrupt law. Objections were made, and he with-
drew his request for the present.

The History of the voyage and discoveries made by the
exploring Expedition were ordered to be published.

The correspondent of the Journal of Commerce says
—"It was determined by a solemn vote of the Senate,
after a little flurry of discussion which was out of order,
that the Provisional Tariff Bill should not be acted on
by the Senate, nor sent to the President, till the 30th
day of June."

This was a solemn determination of the "great Whig
party," spoken of by Mr. Buchanan. It is a good trap
—but will it catch the Captain? I almost fear that it
will. He must be a hard customer if he do not. They
have by a vote of the Senate determined to put him to
the test—by withholding the bill till the 30th of June—
so that they may say to the President, take this, or lose
the whole Revenue.

The President, I assure you, has foreseen and provid-
ed for this result.

He examined the laws with due care, directed instruc-
tions accordingly, to be sent to each Collector. He found
provisions enough to keep the Revenue laws free, after
the 30th of June. The Circulars of the Treasury De-
partment will be out to-morrow. The factious move-
ment of the Senate will be of no avail, as directed against
Tyler. The veto seems to have been provided for."

In the House, Mr. King presented a petition from
a portion of the citizens of the district of Columbia, pray-
ing for a recession of a portion of the District back to
Virginia.

Mr. Adams said that this petition was in fact a peti-
tion to dissolve the Union.

The petition was laid on the table.
On motion of Mr. Adams, a resolution was adopted,
calling on the Secretary of the Treasury for information
relative to the amount each State will receive in July
from the land fund.

The rest of the day was consumed on the Tariff Bill.

MORE TROUBLE AHEAD.

Several of the whig papers, on the authority of letters
from Washington, among which is the North American
of Philadelphia, speak in terms of confidence that Pres-
ident Tyler will veto the temporary Revenue Bill, which
has recently passed Congress. The veto is expected in
consequence of the insertion in the bill of a clause, re-
pealing the sixth section of the land distribution bill.—
Now it is pretty well understood that Mr. Tyler would
not have signed the land bill, at all, without this section.
There are no doubts we believe, on this point. He must
then, for aught we can see, veto the temporary tariff
bill, which will continue in force till the 1st of August,
the present tariff. The whigs appear to be stark mad.
They must needs connect the tariff and land distribution
schemes together. What can be their object. If they
get a veto, on this bill, will they pass it without the of-
fensive clause? If they do, it will show that their ob-
ject was to injure Tyler, by forcing him to use the odious
veto again. But if they should refuse to pass it,
without the clause, it will show their object to be, not
only to injure the President, but also to leave the Com-
promise act to go into effect. Should they do this it will
clearly show that all their talk about protective tariffs
has been for party effect, and their professions of love
for the manufacturers were all sheer pretence—election-
eering tricks, to catch gulls.

It is also stated that there will be a radical reorgani-
zation of the cabinet. Mr. Webster is expected to re-
tire, as soon as the pending negotiations with Lord Ash-
burton are brought to a close, and Mr. Stevenson, late
Minister to Great Britain, is to be Secretary of State.—
Mr. Spencer, Secretary of War, is to be succeeded by
Governor May. Caleb Cushing is to succeed Judge
Tupper, who is to go to France. Of the three new mem-
bers that rumor proposes to put into the cabinet, two are
democrats, and the other (Cushing) a Tyler whig.—
There are also rumors, but entitled to less credit than
the above, that the present Post Master General is to be
succeeded by a democrat; but they do not seem to be
entitled to much credence. We think it probable that
Messrs. Webster and Spencer will retire, and not very
unlikely that their places will be tendered to democrats.
The object of this move will be to turn all the Clay whigs
out of office, and to fill their places with Tyler whigs,
and democrats—and to form a new party to be called the
republican party. This will be the last move on the
chess board, that Tyler will make before he is check-
mated. Henry Clay will be the candidate of the federal
whigs for the next Presidency, and Van Buren, Calhoun,
Buchanan, Taney, Cass, or some other good man, the
Democratic candidate, and John Tyler, and his party
will be ground to atoms between the upper and nether
mill-stones.—Argus.

Out.—"Amid all the changes which trade is passing
through," says the Journal of Commerce, "none is more
remarkable than that in oil. Heretofore the whale fish-
ery has supplied light for a vast portion of the country.
In all the large towns and villages, sperm oil has been
sold freely. That trade has suddenly ceased. This
Spring there has been almost no demand from the inter-
ior for sperm oil, and very little from the city. Cam-
phine and lard oil have supplied the demand at a cheap-
er rate. Crude sperm oil has fallen one third in price,
and yet remains neglected. The hogs have fairly run
the whales out of market, and are likely to hold it
ground, unless some new process of cheapening it,
contrived on the other side. The woods of the Ken-
more full of the quadruped than any ocean if."
my whale, and the quadruped is much more
The way now is to turn the "whole hog"—We learn
from the Courier and Enquirer, through the
Ward, Ring, and Birdsell, that at the Croton River,
have been making an odd job of the three-three
aqueduct, entering a pond, sometimes below;
then pursuing their three to be from 53 to 55 de-
grees, sometimes was 50, at which the aqueduct
occupying in it, was 50, at which the aqueduct
The tempo, at least, gently through solid rock
greens. A (not forced) their way into works,
is con- frequently it has been found more conven-
ient, some exert than to exclude.
To now intention of the work they found to be
the general checks and some openings left to
draw it, while the last finish was being put upon
draw it, and been directed to be closed up.

The line of the aqueduct and the dam will both be
so far completed as to introduce the water into the city
by the time proposed by the commissioners—on the 4th
of July.

The pipes across the Harlem river are already laid,
and have been filled with water to prove their tightness
and ability to resist the head, which is about 120 feet.—
In both respects the proof was satisfactory.

SANDY RIVER FARMER. We have received
the first number of a small paper bearing the
above title, published in Farmington, by Swift &
Sprague, and devoted exclusively to agriculture.
It is published once a fortnight at 50 cents per
annum.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY NEAR BOSTON.—As Con-
stable Burnham, with his wife, mother, and child,
were crossing Mill Dam Bridge, in a buggy, on
Saturday night last, he was accosted by a man
who presented a pistol, and demanded his money
or his life. Mr. B. gave him six dollars. The
robber then demanded money of the two women;
but the mother refused, and told him to take her
life if he chose. He gave up further parley, and
ran towards Brighton. Mr. B. returned to the
tavern and gave the alarm, and men started in
pursuit, in all directions, but no further trace
of the highwayman, could be discovered. This is
the third robbery which has been committed near
the same place, within two years.

INVASION OF MEXICO.

The following, from the New York Journal of
Commerce, looks as though the long talked of
"invasion of Mexico," was seriously contempla-
ted:—

"Latest from Texas. The steamer New York,
arrived at New Orleans on the 10th, bringing
late news from Texas. The following are some
of the items of news, as published in the Picay-
une.

"The news that the President had called an
extra session of Congress, was confirmed.
"A requisition has been made in the counties
for 4614 infantry and cavalry."

THE GREATEST BLESSING.—Col. Webb, of
the regular army, says the "United States Bank,
individually and collectively, was the greatest
blessing ever bestowed on the people." Ever be-
stowed upon an editor and stockjobber, he should
have said. Among the worthless assets of this
vanted bank, stands a debt of over \$30,000,
due by this very personage, who takes benefit of
bankrupt act. No doubt he would like another
bank, to have another chance to get another
"blessing."

PEACHES FROM DOWN EAST.—The Bangor
Whig of the 15th inst. says, "Our friend Dr.
Brawston of the Mount Hope Green House will
take with him to Boston, to-morrow morning, his
steambot, a fine lot of peaches, raised
by him the present season. They go to Boston
as a specimen of down east divination, to tickle
the palates of those who ve a good article
a little earlier than their neighbors can obtain it.

A young girl asked her sist, "what was she
as, that papa read about?" "A child re-
plied, "why, it is a great pile of nothing, and no
place to put it in."

Wm. Ainsworth, a member of the New Hamp-
shire Legislature from Newwich, died at
Concord on Tuesday last. Had been an in-
valid for a long time previous.

Mr. Wm. Emerson of Mal, (Mass.) now in
his 83d year, made in precise years previous
his coming at his 82d yr, with his own
hands, eight hundred and six pair of men's
pumps!

The office of the Bangor Whig and Courier
was entered on Tuesday at, the desk forced
open and robbed of \$67.3 A hard case for the
poor printers.

The Steamer Telegraph while on her passage
to this city on Tuesday night, broke her main
shaft about eleven o'clock. She arrived in the
forenoon yesterday. The Bangor passengers
left here this morning for Bangor. Some days
will be required to put the Telegraph right again.
[Portland Argus.

A letter from western part of Lincoln
County, informs us, that the prospects for crops
in that vicinity is d. The late rains have
given a new impulse to vegetation. The grass
will probably be two-five per cent. larger than
appearance indicated it would be a week or ten
days since. [Boston Recorder.

Whig, again.—The Boston Post of
Thursday York, that Mr. Maybould compel
from to Col. Webb, up out of the smallest
that ever a bored."

Gen. Scott.—The friends of Gen. Scott, in
Pennsylvania have called a State convention to
be held at Harrisburg, on the 26th of July.

Colman says:—"If there is any man who may
attain his broad path with man and God, it is
earth by his own honest industry. It is enu-
merated by no fraud, it is wet by no tears, it is stained
by no blood."

The very latest case of absence of mind that
has come to our ears is that of a dandy who hav-
ing purchased a poodle dog sent him into the
house and crept himself into the kennel. No-
body has yet discovered the mistake, but all
agree in calling it a decided case of "absence of
mind."

Benjamin Franklin says, that "seven hours
sleep is enough for a scholar, eight for a laborer,
and nine for a hog."

EMIGRATION TO AMERICA.—The following
from a late number of the Paris Messenger, is
evidence that the present large emigration to this
country, is likely to continue, and even to in-
crease:—

"Whole villages, including the rich as well as
the poor, are emigrating, says a letter from
Mentz, from Germany, to North America.—
Three of those in Upper Hesse have, within a
few months, been entirely abandoned, and several
Rhenish Prussia are preparing to follow the
example. A short time ago the whole of one of
these villages passed through Mentz on its way
to America, accompanied by its pastor and its
schoolmaster."

MARRIED.

In Hartford, by Elder E. Harlow, on the 13th inst.,
Nathaniel Harlow, Esq. of Buckfield, to Mrs. Lucy
Turner of the former place.

In Jay, Wm. Claryton, of Dixfield, to Sarah A.
Wait, of Jay.

In Hallsville, Master James Snell, aged 19, to wid-
ow Joanna Thwing, 45, both of Industry, after a tedious
courtship of one hour.

Oxford Democratic Convention.

THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLICANS of the
several Towns and Plantations in the County of Ox-
ford, and also the Towns and Plantations composing
the Oxford Senatorial District, are requested to send
Delegates to a Convention, to be held at the County
House in Paris, on Wednesday, the seventeenth day of
August next, at ten o'clock A. M. for the purpose of
selecting candidates for Senators, and other County
Officers, to be supported at the ensuing election.

All Towns and Plantations which give fifty Demo-
cratic votes, or a less number, will send one Delegate;
over fifty and under one hundred and twenty-five, two;
over one hundred and twenty-five and under two hun-
dred and fifty, three; over two hundred and fifty and
less than four hundred, four; over four hundred five
Delegates.

Per Order of the County Committee.

Paris, June 24, 1842.

P. R. C.
THE members of PARIS RI-
FLE COMPANY are here-
by notified and requested to ap-
pear at the Court House on Paris
Hill, on Monday, the Fourth day
of July next, at eight o'clock
A. M., in full uniform, for the pur-
pose of forming an escort to the temperance procession.
Per Order.

June 27, 1842.

THE UNIVERSALISTS of Paris Hill and vicinity are
requested, one and all, to meet at the Meeting
House on Monday, the Fourth of July at four o'clock
P. M. A punctual attendance is requested.
Per Order.

June 27, 1842.

Foreclosure.

THE subscribers hereby give notice that they are the
mortgagees of a parcel of land, being a part of
Lot No. 96, in the town of Turner, County of Oxford,
deed of mortgage from Philip Clark, dated Nov. 10, A.
D. 1841, and recorded in the Registry of Deeds for said
County, Book 62, page 432, reference being had there-
to for a more full description; and that the condition of
said mortgage is broken. In consequence of said breach
of the condition they therefore claim possession of said
property, and give this notice to foreclose said mortgage,
pursuant to the law in such case made and provided.
S. J. BROWN.

June 21, 1842.

Foreclosure.

THE subscriber gives notice that he is the Mortgagee
of a parcel of land situated in the town of Andover,
County of Oxford, and State of Maine, being the
same that Calvin Buckman mortgaged to Brutus F.
Poor, July 9, 1833, recorded in the Records for said coun-
ty, Book 54, page 474, to which reference may be had;
said Poor assigned his mortgage to Smith & Brown, and
said Brown assigned to St. John Smith. In consequence
of the condition of said mortgage being broken I claim
possession of said land, and give this notice to foreclose
said mortgage pursuant to the law made and provided for
such cases.
S. J. BROWN.

June 21, 1842.

Foreclosure.

THE subscribers hereby give notice that they are the
Mortgagees of a tract of land lying in the towns of
Bristol and Hebron, in the State of Maine, being the same
that Calvin Buckman mortgaged to Smith & Brown by
his Deed, dated July 19, A. D. 1839, recorded in the Ox-
ford Records, Book 68, page 25, to which reference may
be had for a more full description. In consequence of
the conditions of said mortgage being broken we claim
possession of said property, and give this notice of fore-
closing said mortgage, pursuant to the law made and pro-
viding for such cases.
S. J. BROWN.

June 21, 1842.

Commissioners' Notice.

THE subscribers, having been appointed by the Judge
of Probate for the County of Oxford to receive and
examine the claims of the creditors to the estate of

BENJ. RUSSELL.

late of Bethel, in said county, deceased, hereby give no-
tice that six months from the twenty-fourth day of May
next, to-wit: the 24th day of May, 1842, are allowed said
creditors to bring in and prove
their claims; and we will attend the service assigned us
at the dwelling house of James Walker in said Bethel,
on Thursday, the fourteenth day of July, and Thursday,
the twenty-fourth day of November next, between the
hours of one and five of the clock P. M. on each of said
days.
MICHAEL CLARK, } Commissioners.

Bethel, May 31, 1842.

Emancipation.

TO whom it may concern:—This may certify that
I have this day relinquished to my son, ELIAS
CRANE, his time, and do declare him free to act and
earnings nor pay any debts of his contracting after this
date.
Witness: STEPHEN R. FLETCHER,
Peru, March 16th, 1842.

THOMAS OLDHAM.

Dr. T. H. Brown,

SURGEON DENTIST,

PARIS HILL.

BONNETS, BONNETS.

A new supply of FLO-

RENCE, and other

kind of the latest style of

BONNETS, just received

and for sale cheap, by

H. W. GOODNOW,

Norway, June 18, 1842.

7cent

BLANKS

For sale at this Office.

To the Hon. Court of County Commissioners within and
for the County of Oxford.

THE undersigned respectfully represent that a Coun-
ty road was located through the town of Dixfield
in said County and Carthage and Wilton in the County
of Franklin, in the year A. D. 1840, on the petition of
John H. Willard & 75 others, which said road has not
been made, nor has anything been done thereto—that in
fact said road is altogether inexpedient and not required
for public convenience or necessity. We therefore pray
that the same may be discontinued. We therefore pray
that the same may be discontinued.

JOHN J. HOLMAN, } Selectmen
JOHN B. MARROW, } of Dixfield for
GEO. R. RANDALL, } inhabitants of said town.

STATE OF MAINE.

Oxford, ss.—At a meeting of the County Commis-
sioners begun and holden at Paris, within and for the
County of Oxford, on the second Tuesday of May, A.
D. 1842.

ON the foregoing petition, Ordered, that the petiti-
oners give notice to all persons and corporations in-
terested that the County Commissioners of said Coun-
ties of Oxford and Franklin will meet at Col. Samuel
Morrell's Tavern in Dixfield, on Wednesday, the seven-
teenth day of August next, at ten o'clock A. M., when
they will proceed to view the route set forth in the peti-
tion; and immediately after such view, at some conven-
ient place in the vicinity, will give a hearing to the
parties and their witnesses, by causing attested copies
of said Petition and of this Order of Notice thereon to be
served on the Chairman of the County Commissioners
of said County of Franklin, and on the Clerks of the
towns of Dixfield, Carthage, and Wilton, and by posting
like copies in three public places in each of said towns
of Dixfield, Carthage, and Wilton, and by publishing at-
tested copies three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat,
printed at Paris, and in the Age, printed at Augusta,
being the public Newspapers issued by the printer to the
State, and in the Franklin Register, printed at Farmington,
the first of said publications and each of the other
notices to be made served and posted, at least three
days before the said time of meeting, that all persons in-
terested may then and there appear and show cause, if
any they have, why the prayer of said petition should
not be granted.

Attest—J. G. COLE, Clerk.

A true copy of said petition and order thereon.

Attest—J. G. COLE, Clerk.

To the Hon. Court of County Commissioners within and
for the County of Oxford.

THE inhabitants of Paris, in said County, respect-
fully represent that by the location of certain Coun-
ty roads in said town, the County road that lies between
the north line of Emnor Rawson's land and the south
line of land formerly owned and occupied by Levi Raw-
son and passing near the dwelling house of said Emnor
Rawson and the dwelling house formerly occupied by
said Levi Rawson all in said Paris, has become useless
and unnecessary as a County road—Wherefore they pray
that the same may be discontinued. In behalf of said
inhabitants.

MOSES HAMMOND, } Selectmen
AMERICA THAYER, } of Paris.

EBEN THAYER, } of Paris.

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D. 1842.

ON the foregoing petition, Ordered, that the petiti-
oners give notice to all persons and corporations in-
terested that the County Commissioners of said Coun-
ties of Oxford and Franklin will meet at the dwell-
ing house of Emnor Rawson in Paris, on Thursday,
the eleventh day of August next, at ten o'clock
A. M., when they will proceed to view the route set
forth in the petition; and immediately after such view, at
some convenient place in the vicinity will give a hear-
ing to the parties and their witnesses, by causing attes-
ted copies of said petition and of this order of notice there-

